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Column One

By

David Courtney

I SUPPOSE the world is no worse than ever it was; but there is so much more of it to be no worse than it used to be that it adds up to more. For every one sovereignty of a century ago there must be something like half a dozen now and that means for every one vexation then there are six today. The unfortunate peoples of the earth have self-determined themselves into one mischief after the other, all of them, no doubt, mere reproductions of the old-fashioned mischiefs. We know, of course, that it is better to be badly governed by one's own people than well governed by someone else. It can be a nuisance, however, to the neighbour and to the world in general.

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THE point of view I have just so confusedly set out is not good politics of course, and not even good philosophy. It is simply a logical derivation of the daily news, yards and thousands of words of which are made up of sovereign petulance and the bickering of heads of States. I, of course, am a good democrat and therefore thoroughly support the principle giving sovereign states the right to be petulant and their heads the right to bicker with other sovereign heads. But I do wish they could all get along together a little better.

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TAKE Dr. Rhee. A century or two ago no one would ever have heard about a Doctor Rhee or cared twopence about him if they had. Of course, there would not have been a Doctor Rhee as long ago as that. There might have been a King or an Emperor, in whose cup poison could have been put; but not a democratic Doctor Rhee scaring the wits out of great democratic Powers because that is the whole point of Democracy. I mean the whole point of Democracy is equality, like making a mile the same as a furlong or a pruta go as far as a dollar and the head of the sovereign state of South Korea as many inches tall as the President of the United States.

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IT is a matter of Nationalism, of course, which is the sprawling, bawling child of Self-Determination. And Nationalism, when the crown of sovereignty presses like an abscess on its brain, is a dangerous thing; and doubly so when, by the witchcraft of personality and the humbug of popular estimation, it is summarised and manifested in one man.

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WELL, these are idle thoughts and, oddly enough, have to do with fish and Dr. Rhee. That is to say, Dr. Rhee, exercising "sovereign" rights has decided that a great many fishermen living on the west coast of Japan shall go without their livelihood or have their fishing boats fired on by naval patrol boats and themselves captured and bundled off to prison. The "Rhee line" across the seas between Korea and Japan has been drawn 75 miles from the coast of Korea and tacked on to Dr. Rhee's map is a declaration of the South Korean joint chiefs of staff that Korean naval units will "fire on and if necessary sink," Japanese vessels crossing that line. Two hundred and eight vessels and 2,717 fishermen have been seized by Dr. Rhee's men since the proclamation was issued.

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JAPAN, of course, cannot go to war about it; but many fishermen along the west coast of Japan have gone to Communism about it, or so report asserts; and strangely enough Dr. Rhee, who was set in his sovereign place and protected in it in order to save us from Communism, seems not to mind if a few tens of thousands of Japanese fishermen go Communist.

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BUT for one democratic reason and another the rest of us are compelled to mind; and that is what I mean when I say that if things are no worse today than they used to be a couple of centuries ago there are many more of them to be no worse.

Jerusalem, December 14.

Algerian Rebels Kill 15 French Troops in Ambush

ALGIERS, Tuesday (Reuter). — French security forces scoured the eastern tip of Algeria today for a band of rebels who killed 15 French soldiers in an ambush yesterday. Five others were wounded and six missing.

Three officers and 12 other troops fell dead as their convoy of vehicles came under fire from sub-machineguns and hand-grenades in yesterday's attack. The convoy had halted before a lorry and a country bus drawn across the road from Sueima in the region of the Medjean mountains which border Tunisia.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A West German spokesman in Paris yesterday said France agreed to return the disputed Saar to Germany but insists on the preservation of her economic interest in the industry-rich territory.

What is going on in the Arab Legion?

SEE TODAY'S

HERE & NOW

Jordan Cabinet Split Over Templer's Offer

As the Jordan Government yesterday stood on the threshold of giving its final reply to British proposals on defence, four Palestine Arab Ministers caused a major Cabinet crisis by threatening to resign if the Cabinet accepts the conditions offered by Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, NEABS reported.

The latest development brought to a head the internal differences between the two factions in the Government over the question of joining the Baghdad pact. The Jordanians are much less concerned about a solution to the "Palestine problem" than the Palestinian faction, and favour the idea of closer ties with Iraq, to whom they are traditionally bound by Hashemite family ties. But the Palestinians prefer a pro-Egyptian orientation which they feel would advance their case for a Palestine solution.

Closely following the news of the Jordan Cabinet crisis, Cairo Radio announced late last night that the Egyptian Government had sent back its Ambassador to Amman, Gen Mohammed Said e-Din Ibrahim, with offers of Egyptian aid.

This included, it was said, £1m. for Jordan's Dead Sea potash project and large amounts of arms and winter clothing for the Jordan National Guard, which consists virtually entirely of Palestinian Arabs.

Shy of Publicity

The four Ministers who resigned conditionally are Naim Abdul Hadi (Public Works), Ali Hasna (Justice), Azmi Nashashibi (Posts and Telegraphs), and Sam'an Daoud (Trade and Reconstruction). Significantly, Radio Ramallah, the official Jordan Government organ, last night was completely silent on the new development. It is believed that the Jordan authorities do not wish to publicize the events, and hope to patch up differences in time to give Gen. Templer the reply he is awaiting.

Meanwhile, Parliament last night demanded an official statement from the Government.

The Jordan press described the British proposals as "most tempting." However, "El Jihad" was the first paper to list the proposals:

Cancellation of the Anglo-Jordan treaty and its replacement by a different arrangement between the two countries; an increase in the strength of the Arab Legion, including heavy arms and an air force; large-scale British economic aid for Jordan. British aid will take into consideration Jordan's commitments with other Arab states regarding the "Palestine issue," and her pledges to them to provide military aid in case of an Israel attack against any Arab country.

Formosa Torpedoes Membership Deal

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — In the Security Council tonight, Nationalist China vetoed Outer Mongolia as a candidate for United Nations membership, thereby torpedoing the "package deal" for the admission of 18 new members.

India, Soviets Issue Joint Statement

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — A joint Indian-Soviet communique issued here tonight said that disappointment at the Geneva Foreign Ministers conference need be only temporary and that every effort should be made to relax international tension.

The communique was issued by Prime Minister Nehru and the Soviet leaders, Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, head of the Communist Party. The visitors are leaving for Afghanistan tomorrow on their way home.

The communique said there should be unconditional prohibition of the production and experimentation of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, as well as a reduction of conventional armaments and arrangements for effective international control.

The method of ensuring peace and security was not by military alliances or blocs, which only "widened the frontiers of the cold war."

The two countries tonight also announced a trade agreement under which Russia will sell India a million tons of steel in the next three years. In addition, Russia would sell India oil, mining and other equipment to be agreed upon, and undertake to increase purchases of raw materials and manufactured goods from India.

EGYPTIAN P.o.W. TO BE RETURNED TODAY

A wounded Egyptian soldier, Mohammed Ahmed Shakiri, taken prisoner in the El Sabha engagement on November 2, will be returned to the Egyptian authorities at kilometre 95 today, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The prisoner has been under constant medical treatment in Israel, and a medical report on his state of health will be forwarded to Egypt.

Fallen Soldiers Laid to Rest

The Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan yesterday eulogized Seren Yitzhak Ben-Menahem —one of the six soldiers who fell in the Kinneret battle on Sunday night and who were buried in various parts of the country — as one who did not see his country as a state to whose existence others must reconcile themselves "somehow or other."

He saw Israel as a state of "farmers, fishermen, shepherds and workers, with rights to be respected," and not merely as a collection of boundaries and rights which must be guaranteed, the Chief of Staff added.

Ben-Menahem, he said, quit his studies to become a fighter and a guard of his country's security, and fell while courageously breaking through the Syrian lines in front of his men. The burial took place at the Hadar Ramatayim Cemetery and was attended by the Senior Chaplain, Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Goren, staff officers, officers and men of his unit and many members of Sharon settlements. At the close of the service, the father of the deceased recited the *kaddish*, and a salute of three rounds was fired by an army unit.

In Jerusalem, the bodies of Rafael Yair, 19, and Yoram Katz, 20, were laid to rest in the Mt. Herzl military cemetery with full military honours. From Avihail hospital, where hundreds of friends and relatives of the two soldiers gathered, the cortege crawled up Rehov Jaffa between pavements lined with silent mourners. The coffins, draped in the national colours, were carried in an open truck on which rode honour guards with fixed bayonets.

At the cemetery, the honour guards, representing the units of the fallen, headed the procession to the graves. The coffins were preceded by an army cantor chanting prayers and followed by immediate members of the family, Chief Rabbis, the Mayor and Deputy Mayors, and the Jerusalem District Commissioner. The cemetery was filled with the silent parents of other war dead.

After both fathers recited *kaddish* Rav-Seren S. Elazari, a chaplain, eulogized the deceased.

Comparing the period of the Hasmoneans with our own, he said that in both eras the nation faced the supreme test. The miracle then was no greater than the miracle today, he said, adding that we should welcome miracles but not rely on their coming to our aid.

A member of Yair's family said that Rafael, like his comrade-in-arms, had been permeated by the "spirit of the Hasmoneans."

After the soldiers paid farewell to their fallen comrades, the honour guards presented arms and fired three volleys over the graves.

Avraham Kabiri, 20, of Kfar Ono *ma'bara* was buried in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery with full military honours. He came to this country four years ago from Iraq and during his 20 months service in the army, proved himself an outstanding artilleryman.

Shalom Kimmel, 18, of Moshav Mevo Betar, was also buried in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. The funeral was attended by many members of the Betar movement to which he had belonged.

Avraham Shababo, 19, of Hulata, was buried in the Haifa Military Cemetery.

INFILTRATOR CAUGHT

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Infiltrators stole eight sheep from Moshav Beit Hagedi last night.

An unarmed infiltrator from Jordan was caught today by the security forces.

When shopping, ask for "Hadar" — the exquisite biscuit

Bonn's Turncoat Security Chief In 'Return Flight'

BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Dr. Otto John, former head of the West German office for the Protection of the Constitution, has returned to West Germany from East Germany, to which he went last year.

The government spokesman, announcing this here today, said, "Otto John has fled from East Germany to West Germany. He has put himself at the disposal of the Federal Criminal Police.

"Interrogation by an investigating judge of the Federal Criminal Court at Karlsburg has begun."

Dr. John's office in West Germany amounted to that of chief of the intelligence service. His office announced he was charged with keeping an eye on anti-constitutional activity in West Germany.

Few Appearances

Dr. John made few appearances in East Germany, but was present last January at a press conference organized by the Committee for German Unity in East Berlin to publicize a "black boom" of alleged West German militarism.

The Bonn Government said last December that an investigation into his case showed that he had not betrayed any Western agents working in East Germany.

Arab Villagers Attack Settlers in Land Dispute

NATANYA, Tuesday. — Five settlers of Moshav Tnuvot in the "Little Triangle" were injured today when they were attacked by neighbouring Arab villagers from Khirbet Faruja.

A group of 15 Arabs, accompanied by three women, attacked the settlers, who were ploughing a strip of land, with sticks, causing head and body injuries to the unarmed Jewish farmers, one of whom had an arm broken, while the others received leg, spine and head injuries.

The Arabs, who claim that the strip of land, which lies on the border between the two villages, belongs to them, ceased their attack only when other members of Tnuvot came to the aid of the ploughmen.

The ranks of the Arabs had by then already swollen to 30, and the women were throwing dust and hurling abuse in accompaniment to the sticks being wielded by the men. They later complained to the police that the Jewish settlers were ploughing their land, and the police ordered all work to cease pending an investigation.

A J.N.F. official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Fund had purchased the land under dispute in 1953, and that the development authorities had awarded it to Tnuvot, a *moshav ovdim* settled by immigrants from the Yemen. The settlers said tonight that they would call a hunger strike on Friday and Saturday if they were not permitted to work their land by then.

Commons Debate Empty of Content

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — Yesterday's Commons debate is generally judged here to have disappointed the expectations of those who hoped for a clearer statement on the Government's policy, regarding not only the Israel-Arab conflict, but also the Baghdad pact and the problems caused by Russia's sudden intrusion in Middle Eastern affairs.

Conservative sentiment is reflected by the "Daily Telegraph," whose report on the debate opens with the words, "A great opportunity was missed in the Commons tonight." The paper blames both the Government and the Opposition, ironically contrasting Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan's "Ciceronian style" with the emptiness of his policy declaration.

Criticism of Sir Anthony Eden is more restrained, but "The Times" significantly omits the customary laudatory editorial, contenting itself with a brief resume of the debate, which obtains less prominence than a Jerusalem report commenting on Sunday night's fighting on the Syrian border.

The "Manchester Guardian," the only paper to comment editorially, observes that neither Mr. Macmillan nor Mr. Herbert Morrison (Labour) "had anything substantial to contribute towards the immediate problem of Arab-Israel relations." Back-benchers of both sides apparently began to share these sentiments early during the debate, judging from the marked lack of enthusiasm displayed by the Tories for their leaders, and the fact that Mr. Morrison addressed himself to a half-empty House.

Apart from Mr. Macmillan's defence of the Prime Minister's Guildhall speech, which provoked derisive Opposition laughter, the only new note struck by him was unreserved condemnation of Soviet tactics.

Speaking under Sir Winston Churchill's watchful eye, Sir Anthony and Mr. Macmillan could hardly fail to pronounce strong condemnation of Russian moves, a subject on which they have good reason to know that Sir Winston reflects Tory sentiment. For the same reason they had to throw some crumbs of comfort to Israel's friends, although their efforts fell short of what Mr. Morrison and Mr. Alfred Robens invited them to do.

The debate appears to have accomplished little. The general impression is that the Government is genuinely helpless vis-a-vis the Soviet drive, and is hoping for some American initiative to rescue it from the imbroglio caused by the Eden speech. This impression of fumbling naturally irritates the Conservatives, a sentiment reflected in the "Telegraph's" sarcastic comment today.

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Britain, France Urge U.S. Pressure On Israel to 'Negotiate' with Arabs

Eden Raps Talk of Munich

LONDON, Tuesday. — Sir Anthony Eden last night denied that his Guildhall speech last month was meant to bring pressure on any country and said "it was fantastic" to talk about a Middle East Munich. Speaking during a day-long debate in the Commons, he rejected Labourite demands to enlarge on his speech proposing a compromise by both Arabs and Israel as the stepping stone to peace.

"The reason I made my speech was because I felt public initiative had got to be made. Let me add this further: there is no pressure from us on any country to do a particular thing, or make a particular concession. The only pressure we want to see exercised, and I'd dearly like to see it exercised, is a sense of vital self-interest which ought to bring both parties to an agreement as soon as possible," he declared.

Britain stood by the 1950 tripartite declaration, he said in reply to Labour arugments that the Government had no proper policy to enforce it. There would be "action to assist Israel if she were attacked, or action to assist an Arab country if attacked by Israel."

He pointed out that he did not believe that Israel now is at a disadvantage in relation to any Arab state or to any combination of Arab states on her frontier, and said that arms supplies are coming to both Israel and Arab states from "perhaps all over the world ... on a very large scale." He expressed his conviction that it would be to the interests of both parties "however the balance may tilt from time to time, to reach a settlement, and reach it very soon."

Sees Great Danger

The present position in the Middle East, Sir Anthony said, is one of utmost danger to both the Arabs and Israel unless attempts are made, such as he tried to do through his Guildhall speech, "to try to get negotiations going." Otherwise, he warned, the whole area could at any time flare up "into a blaze, the consequences of which none of us can foretell." Both sides must move from their fixed positions, and these were not only territorial. However, he had not laid down any specific concessions, and he did not propose to do so now.

Sir Anthony asserted that the Baghdad pact has "nothing offensive in it," and in fact, "there is not the mechanism within it to make it offensive." He maintained that economic aid is the best way to fight Communism, and the best way to bring peace to the Middle East. He said he hoped the new ties with Iraq in the Baghdad pact would "set a new pattern" and would bring others to realise that Britain's moves in the region were unselfish.

The debate ended without a vote on the Government's policy.

(INA, UP)

A GROUP of Syrian prisoners-of-war captured in Sunday's action.

Syria Calls Security Council Meeting

Syria yesterday called for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider the attack on a Syrian army post on Sunday night by an Israel raiding party.

The Syrian letter asking for the Council meeting "as soon as possible" referred to "the flagrant violation and act of open aggression and provocation by Israel." It asked for the meeting "in order to take measures necessary to meet this serious situation."

Ahmed Shukeiry, leader of the Syrian delegation, arranged a press conference at U.N. Headquarters in New York, at which he said that the Security Council would be asked to consider "measures never before suggested." He declined to disclose what these measures would be.

Shukeiry described the Israel raid as "outrageous, atrocious, ghastly and bloody," and put the number of casualties at 49 dead. He said, "Severe fighting lasted two hours, after which the Israeli forces were compelled to withdraw without attaining their objective. This planned attack resulted in killing five officers, 32 soldiers and 12 civilians, including three women. Eight other soldiers were wounded and 30 taken prisoner. The Israeli forces used various types of arms, including planes, heavy artillery, armoured cars, howitzers, heavy machineguns and a large quantity of mines and explosives.

"A large number of houses belonging to Syrian villagers were destroyed, and the occupants were killed under the debris," according to Shukeiry.

In Damascus, meanwhile, following an urgent three-hour Cabinet meeting, Premier Said el Ghazi announced that LS.40m. (£5m.) would be added to the regular defence budget and that the recently obtained $10m. loan from Saudi Arabia would be placed at the disposal of the army.

An official communique stated that President Kuwatly had ordered intensification of civil defence preparations throughout the country, including the repair of old air-raid shelters and the building of new ones.

Large reinforcements of Syrian Army units were reported to have been sent all day on Monday to the Kinneret region and the hills overlooking the lake.

Last night Defence Minister Rashad Barmada appealed to the nation to abstain from violent demonstrations against Israel "because the supreme national interest requires calmness." Earlier Syrian police had dispersed a rowdy student demonstration against the failure of Syria's moneyed classes to contribute to defence needs.

At noon, thousands marched in squads of four or rode in open-hatched armoured cars in a funeral procession 3 kms. long for six of the Syrian victims.

Similar funerals took place in the home towns of the other victims in hamlets and cities across Syria, the Interior Ministry announced.

Paris Seeks Bigger Mid-East Role

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Diplomatic sources predicted today that Britain and France are likely to urge the United States to convince Israel to agree to negotiate a settlement with her neighbours. Such a move, they said, may come at the meeting in Paris of the NATO Council which begins on Thursday.

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Macmillan, is understood to feel that the whole of the Middle East will be wide open to Soviet infiltration if such incidents as Sunday night's clash at Lake Kinneret continue. The source pointed out that the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, is reported to be anxious to win French goodwill among the Arab nations due to France's close connections with Syria, and feels that considerable pressure should be brought on Israel to negotiate.

Both the British and French Foreign Ministers, it is reported, want to impress on Mr. Dulles the fact that Israel has no future economically unless she is willing to come to terms with her neighbours.

Meanwhile, the Paris correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune" reported today that M. Pinay is expected to propose a mush more active role for France in Western efforts to maintain peace in the Middle East. Now that the Middle East Treaty Organization (Baghdad pact) has been set up, France is reported to be re-examining her reservations against the alliance.

Sees Attack 'Unprovoked'

The British Foreign Office spokesman told reporters today that while Britain had no official word yet on the "intervention" by Israel army units against the Syrian forces Sunday night "it appears that the attack was unprovoked."

Simultaneously, in Paris, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said France had informed Israel she "greatly regretted" the incident.

The British spokesman said the Foreign Office had received no official report of any shelling of Israel fishing boats, such as Israel said caused the retaliatory attack. "Our feeling would be, if that was so then the reprisal was out of all proportion to the provocation," he added.

However, the question of a representation to Israel would not arise until an official report was received in London from the U.N. Truce Supervision Headquarters in Jerusalem.

The French Foreign Ministry expressed its attitude to the Israel Ambassador, Mr Ya'akov Tsur, an official spokesman said. He added that he knew of no French protest to Israel about the attack, and the statement to the Ambassador was an expression of opinion and not a protest. The spokesman said France had indicated that although she could not attempt to apportion the blame, she deplored the Israel move.

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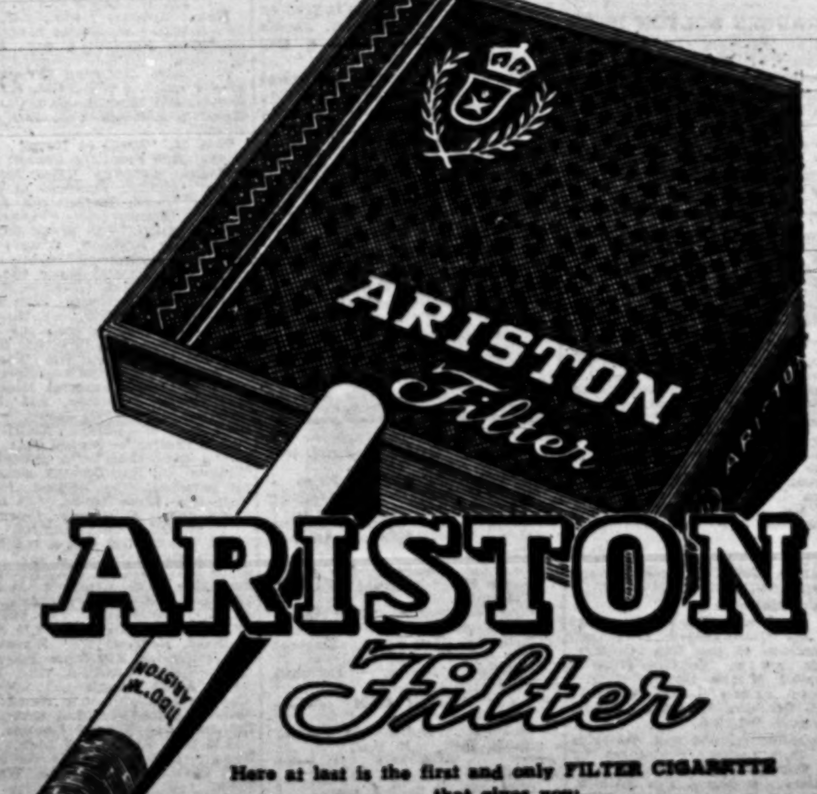

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to lunch Messrs. Reuven Avinoam, Alexander Eliash and Levi Yitshak and their ladies, and Mesdames Miriam Carmon and R. Tamari.

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The President yesterday received Mr. David Benvenisti, who has returned from a mission to Greece on behalf of the Ben-Zvi Institute.

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A farewell reception in honour of Mr. Enrique Juan Mendez Puig, the Argentine Chargé d'Affaires, was given last night by Mr. Y. Prato, Acting Director of the South American Division of the Foreign Ministry.

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The Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, yesterday received Colonel David A. Croll, Chairman of the Canadian Senate Defence Committee, who was accompanied by Mr. Mordechai Alon. Senator Croll visited Beersheba yesterday and was received by Mayor D. Tuvyahu.

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ARRIVALS: Dr. Dov Ashbel, Associate Professor of Meteorology and Climatology at the Hebrew University, from the U.S., where he represented the University at the first World Symposium on Applied Solar Energy held in Arizona at the end of October; Dr. F. Shinnar, Head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in West Germany, from Dusseldorf, for a short visit to consult with the Minister of Finance; Mr. Zvi Avnon, Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, after a three-month tour of Israel legations abroad; Mr. Arieh Manor, Head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in the U.S., for home leave; Mr. Frank Peleg, the pianist, after a concert tour of Europe; Mr. Hillel Dan, of the Solel Boneh Directorate, from Switzerland and Germany, after a week's visit on behalf of the concern; Mr. Menahem Bader, Director-General of the Ministry of Development, from a visit to European countries on behalf of the Ministry.

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DEPARTURE: Mr. I. Norman, Secretary of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, for the U.S., after a short visit.

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Mr. Ernst A. Iskin, Assistant Manager of The Norwegian Trade Company, Norkac-Israel Limited, has returned from a business trip to Norway.

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Mr. Morris E. Perry, of Orientours, Jerusalem, has returned from his extensive trip abroad in connection with tourism.

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The Hannah Ben-Arie Memorial Scholarship in Internal Medicine will be formally awarded to Mr. Asariah Eshkenazi at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School at 11:30 a.m. today.

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Mr. Elian Finbert, novelist, will speak at 6 tonight on "L'Intelligence des Betes" at the Centre de Culture Francaise, Jerusalem. Mr. Marcel Laforge, French Consul-General, will preside.

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The Jerusalem Rotary Club is celebrating Hanukka today with a Ladies' Lunch at the King David Hotel. The guest speaker will be Mayor Agron.

Mr. H. Katz will address the Haifa Rotary Club on "The Economics of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Uses" at 1.15 p.m. today.

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BIRTHS

AVNER — To Yael (née Vogel) and Gershon Avner, on December 6, in London — a son, Michael.

ROSENFELD — To Judy and Alvin Rosenfeld, on Dec. 13, in Jerusalem, a son — Michael.

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Miss Hilde Zadek is to sing with the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra at the Armon Hall, Haifa, at 9 p.m. today. This will be the singer's only appearance in Haifa. *(Advt.)*

STRIKE IN ASHKELON

ASHKELON, Tuesday. — A hundred workers of the Public Works Department struck for a full day here today, on learning that time lost by their two-hour warning strike in the morning would be deducted from their wages.

The strike is authorized by the local Labour Council and follows the workers' failure to receive satisfaction of their demands that the Department employ only organized labour and ensure a minimum of 220 working days a year.

FRANCES BOLTON HERE

Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon via the Mandelbaum Gate, and went straight to Tel Aviv. She is to stay in the country till Friday morning, when she departs for New York.

American Says Germ Warfare Was Real

HONG KONG, Tuesday (Reuter). —A young American ex-prisoner freed by the Chinese Communists here today said he believed the United States had used germ warfare during the Korean war.

The American, 22-year-old Richard Tenneson, elected to go to China after the war and refused to say today why he had returned. He said nervously, "It's a personal matter."

He said he had decided to go to China because he disagreed with American policy, but declined to go into details "at this time," he said. "I am definitely not a Communist. I will not be fighting for Communism and I will not be fighting against it."

Describing his capture in 1951, he said "I was only 17 when I put my hands up. I was scared to death. Now I am 22. I have had four years in contact with Communism and I know quite a lot about it."

The Chinese offered to free Tenneson two years ago but the American Red Cross official in Hong Kong said he was not authorized to accept him.

Today, Tenneson was interviewed by British immigration officials and an American consular officer.

Tenneson said that after he had been refused permission to enter Hong Kong the first time, he was taken back to Canton to see the Soviet trade fair and other sights.

He said that during his stay in China he had seen all the Americans who went there after the Korean war. Asked if they would return, he replied, "I guess all of them will come back sometime."

Twenty-one American prisoners chose to go to China after the war. Three returned earlier this year and one was reported by the Communists to have died.

Tenneson said that if the United States had not been thinking about using germ warfare in Korea then all the evidence of germ warfare would not have been collected.

"I know that a bunch of United States generals used germ warfare," he said.

Indians Disapprove Of Saud's Lavish Gifts

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter) — Costly gifts distributed by King Saud of Saudi Arabia during his Indian visit have evoked comment here. The political commentator of the "Hindustan Times" said today that King Saud's "display of wealth" had created "tough problems" and "appeared odd judged by India's ideas of correct behaviour by a guest."

But "the distinguished visitor was only giving sincere expression to his sense of happiness in the way he had been feted," the commentator said.

King Saud, who left India today, had created problems by giving presents to people high and low. Should the diamond necklaces presented to the wife of the Indian President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and to Mrs. Indiana Gandhi, the daughter of Premier Nehru, be put in a museum?

And what should be done with costly Swiss watches given by King Saud to high Indian dignitaries, the commentator asked.

King Saud had given 10,000 rupees (£750) to individual members of the staff of the president's residence. Three gifts had been pooled by the staff.

The commentator said that the Russian leaders had on the other hand behaved very correctly about gifts. The cash presents given by Bulganin and Khrushchev had never exceeded three figures, i.e., 100 rupees — about (£7).

Auster Forgoes Council Membership

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The automatic resignation of Mr. Daniel Auster (Progressive) from the Jerusalem Municipal Council took place this week following his failure to participate in Council sessions during the past three months.

It is believed that his seat will be taken by Dr. P. J. Jacobi, a former Councillor, who is next on the Progressive list. Dr. Jacobi recently returned from a trip abroad.

Mr. Meir Grossman (General Zionist), who has not been active in Council sessions for the same period, is to take a decision this week on resigning or on renewing his attendance. Mr. Yitzhak Yanovsky is expected to take his place if he chooses to resign.

Neve Ilan Closes After 9 Years; Kibbutz Has No Manpower

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The settlers of Neve Ilan, in the Jerusalem Corridor, are leaving their hill *kibbutz* after nine years of border life. Most of them are veterans of the French *maquis* underground who banded together to come to Israel and take up farming in 1946.

The settlers are dispersing to all parts of the country to begin life anew, it was learned yesterday from the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

The *kibbutz* perched on a mountain top at the approach to Sha'ar Hagai, had become a well-known landmark. It commands a beautiful panoramic view of the plain and the sea.

Perennially short of manpower and 30 kilometres from the bulk of their ploughland, the settlers decided to leave when promised reinforcements to their meagre labour force were not forthcoming. Though they stuck it out through Arab attacks during the war, when the *kibbutz* was in the frontline, through the long tough pull of carving a farming community out of the rocks of the Judean hills, they were finally overcome by financial difficulties.

Discussions on the future of the site are now going on. It is expected that it will either revert to the Ihud Hakibbutzim Vehakvutzot, who will establish a new *kibbutz* there, or be set aside as an agricultural school under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture.

In the meantime, business is being carried on by a three-man management — two representatives of the Ihud and the *kibbutz* secretary. A skeleton crew of Nahal youth are on the spot for the day to day work of caring for the equipment and the livestock.

Haifa Religious Council Urges Sabbath Observance

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Religious Council here has decided to step up its campaign to enforce observance of the Sabbath by shops, kiosks, hawkers and drivers.

At a meeting held last week, speakers said that the Town Hall was unable fully to enforce the by-law on Sabbath observance for lack of sufficient inspectors. A suggestion was made to call on observing religious residents to volunteer for "Sabbath patrols" which would urge less orthodox businessmen to keep the Sabbath and would report them to the Municipal Prosecutor if they declined to do so.

Other suggestions included a call to religious youth movements to help stop people from violating the Sabbath.

DANGER OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Cattle breeders are warned by the Ministry of Agriculture that foot and mouth disease may be transferred to Israel from Syria, where there has been a recent outbreak. Any case appearing in the country should be reported immediately to the Veterinary Services of the Ministry.

Kol Yisrael Extends Arabic Programmes

Arabic transmissions over Kol Yisrael are to be extended from 30 to 45 minutes during the peak evening hours, bringing the total broadcasting time of Arabic programmes to three hours daily.

The Jerusalem Post learns that this extension will commence on January 1 when Arabic evening programmes will be on the air from 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Hadassah Raises Medical Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

With 300,000 paid up members throughout the U.S. Hadassah today is probably the most influential force in uniting American Jewry, Dr. Kalman Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, told a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem. Dr. Mann returned on Friday from a two-month stay in the U.S. where he attended the annual Hadassah conference in Chicago.

It is the only organization organically identified with Israel which undertakes Jewish education within the U.S., allocating some $1m. annually to this purpose, and yet is bound to Jewish tradition as well. Even in the most isolated communities, Hadassah activities have a strong hold on the Jewish imagination, Dr. Mann said.

Speaking of the convention, Dr. Mann reported that the medical organization's share of the Hadassah budget had been raised to $3.25m. This increase of almost ten per cent was the first in the past seven years, and showed an awareness of the need for a higher level of medical practice and study in Israel.

$12m. Centre

The foundations of the new Hadassah Medical Centre have already been laid, Dr. Mann said, and contractors' tenders for the actual building will be opened by the end of this month. The entire centre, including the medical school and the housing estate, should be completed by 1959, and $12m. have been budgeted for its construction, he said.

During his stay abroad, Dr. Mann visited Guatemala as the guest of the University of San Carlos, whose president, Prof M. Duran, had invited him to lecture on the Hadassah community health centre in Kiryat Yovel. This novel centre has aroused great interest throughout the world, Dr. Mann said. In Washington, Howard University has asked to send students to study the enterprise at first hand for eventual adaptation in Negro communities near the U.S. Capital, and Mount Sinai Hospital in New York has also expressed a desire to inaugurate a similar project in the Puerto Rican neighbourhoods in the City.

Dr. Mann was introduced by Mrs. E. Agron, Acting Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel.

Albert Simon—A Life of Courage

The death is announced of Albert Simon, a leading specialist here in radiology and cancerology. He was 58. Dr. Julius Kleeberg has written the following tribute :

Due to an inherited hardening of the ear tissue, Albert Simon was hard of hearing from early childhood, and, after being wounded in the First World War, he became stone-deaf at the age of 23, just one year before receiving his medical degree. This disability, making marriage and having children practically impossible, would have driven many a young student to despair. In Simon's case it channelled his qualities into his becoming the friend and healer of the sick and, by extreme effort, an outstanding specialist in cancer and X-ray therapy.

In this relatively new field (it was 1921) his deafness was a minor handicap only. What was needed were eyes, brain, knowledge, gifted hands and a heart for those who suffered from this terrible disease. He succeeded in these aims admirably, as Lecturer in Radiology of Berlin University, and in Israel. He was among the first to find and successfully apply a new therapeutic method against cancer of the tongue.

Within a short time of his settling here in 1938 he was the declared friend of Jewish, Arabic and Christian physicians and the "dearly beloved doctor" of his many patients in Tel Aviv and throughout Israel. He was deeply rooted here, loved Israel with all his heart and soul, and when in 1949 and again in 1951 he was offered a professorship and a position as chief of an X-ray department in Germany he was not tempted.

Simon was a man of broad culture, gifted with a wealth of common sense; of great human understanding, and of an inimitable quick and hearty wit. He asked nothing of others, but was always ready to be the helper of all about him. He had his reward: he was a man without an enemy.

Dr. Simon was cruelly-fated. Apart from being stone-deaf for 35 years, he was for many years afflicted with radium ulcers of his fingers — the result of his continuous clinical and research work with radium and mesothonium. Four years ago, he began to suffer from increasing pain. His dreaded suspicion was confirmed: one of the chronic radium ulcers had turned into a cancer and had already spread to the bone of the thumb. He underwent nine difficult operations.

With superhuman effort and self-discipline he continued his work in healing others of cancer while the disease was gradually killing him. He stopped work only one week before his death, despite the nigh-unbearable and unrelenting pain which he suffered. He refused to take refuge from suffering in powerful drugs, as he was urged to do. Instead, he bore his martyrdom of pain to the last hour of his life in order to remain a responsible physician.

His entire family was exterminated in Germany; he was alone here. His many friends here, and his numerous friends in the U.S., will cherish the memory of a man who, despite his great gifts, remained modest and altruistic. Fame and fortune were denied to him, but he never wanted them. Loving and living remembrance will be his monument.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 249, 33.3 & 43.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m., 2.15 & 6.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Alma Cogan. 12.30 From the Concert Hall: Smetana: Overture "The Bartered Bride"; Haydn: Concerto in F-major for Violin, Harpsichord & Orchestra; Moussorgsky: "Pictures at an Exhibition." 1.45 Break for Music: Arthur Schnabel, (Piano) (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Siesta. 4.50 "The Consumer." 5.00 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.30 Kindling of Hanukka Light and Reading from the Book of Maccabeans. 6.35 "Evening Star." 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Woman's Corner. 7.45 "What's New in Science." 8.00 Cantoral Requests. 8.30 Twenty Questions. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Literature Corner." 10.00 Classical Requests: Bach: "St. John's Passion"— Second Part. 11.15 "In a Late Hour"—"A School for Widows" by Jean Cocteau, arranged for broadcast by Michael Ohad. Main role: Hana Maron. 11.55 Intermezzo (R). 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 469, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.45 Advanced Hebrew Lesson—Dr. Kamrat. 6.00 Light Music (R). 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. Kindling of Lights. 6.33 News. 6.40 "Economic Review." 6.45 Greetings. 7.00 Advanced Hebrew Lessons.

11.15 p.m. Kindling of Lights and News. 11.25 "Economic Review." 11.30 Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening and Kindling of Hanukka Lights. 6.35 Songs—Requests. 7.00 News. 7.10 "The Composer of the Week"—Felix Mendelssohn. 7.30 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 8.00 "Zahal's Orchestra." Conductor: Seren Erich Teich. 8.30 Twenty Questions. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (16.79, 19.42, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Youth Magazine.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARNON: The Keystone Kops.
EDEN: The Prodigal
EDISON: The Blue Lagoon.
ORGIL: "Les Femmes S'en Balancent."
ORION: How to be Very Very Popular.
ORNA: Princess of the Nile.
RON: Pirates of Tripoli. At 10.30 a.m.: The Prince and the Pauper
ZION HALL: "Le Mouton A Cinq Pattes."
TEL OR: Tarzan's Hidden Jungle.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Adventures of Hajji Baba, 3rd week.
CHEN: Obsession, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Green Fire.
MOGRABI: Night People.
OPHIR: French Cancan, 5th week.
ORION: A Star is Born, 5th week.
SHDEROT: Mandy, 5th week. Matinees: The Wizard of Oz.
TAMAR: Marty, 5th week.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage," 5th week.
YARON: Carnival Story.
ZAMIR: Paris, 3rd week.

HAIFA

ATZMON: Second Chance.
MAY: Battle Cry.
PEER: Children of the World.
GAL OR: Greatest Show on Earth. Matinees: Son of Ali Baba.
ORAH: Money from Home.
AMPHITHEATRE: Desiree, 3rd week.
EN DOR: Flattery's Hurricane.
MORIAH: Ring of Fear.
ORLY: The Browning Version, 2nd week.
ARMON: "Le Rage au Corps."
ORION: Man Without a Star.

How Much Can One Man Take?

SINGAPORE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Fong Kum-mon, 50, who appeared in court today with a blood-stained bandage around his neck was charged with attempting to commit suicide, but won the Magistrate's sympathy when he told this story.

His first wife died.

His second wife ran away with cash and jewellery worth several thousand Malayan dollars.

A third woman offered to be his wife, but cheated him of several hundred dollars and disappeared.

Fong then cut his throat, but recovered. He was sentenced to one day's imprisonment after he had promised not to do it again.

$500m. Gift to U.S. Colleges, Hospitals

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Ford Foundation announced today that it will give $500m. to American colleges and hospitals; this is the largest gift in the history of philanthropy.

The Foundation, set up in 1936 by Mr. Edsel Ford, son of the automobile pioneer Henry Ford, said that $210m. had been earmarked for all 615 privately supported colleges and universities in the U.S. to help them increase salaries of teachers and professors.

NEW NAMES AND OLD

Several new settlements have recently been given names by the Place Names Committee of the Prime Minister's Office. Some of them have their origins in the Bible, while others have been chosen to commemorate a person or event, or have a connection with the particular branch of agriculture carried on at the place.

Among names connected with Biblical times are Barak and D'vora, two settlements near Ta'anach, in the Valley of Jezreel. It was near here that Barak and the prophetess Deborah put Sisera's forces to rout (Judges, V). Sargon, king of Assyria, in his famous inscription describing his itinerary of conquest mentions a town Ashdod Yam, and this name has been given to the urban settlement near the site of the ruins of Ashdod Yam. Hevel Habesor, a new area of settlement in the Western Negev, also retains its Biblical name; it is mentioned I Samuel XXX, 9.

A new village in the vicinity of Gezer, near Ramle, is named Tirat Shimon, the Fortress of Simon, after the Hasmonean commander, Simon Ben Matityahu, who conquered Gezer and converted its inhabitants to Judaism.

Nir Yafeh, in the Ta'anach area, received its name in memory of Joffe Marks, of Johannesburg, from whose estate the Hebrew University benefited considerably.

The Hebrew word for a stack of corn is "gadish" (Exodus XXII, 5), and the name Gadish has been given to a new *moshav* near Ta'anach, in the Valley of Jezreel.

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JERUSALEM: Only Recital at the Edison Theatre, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 9 p.m. — Tickets: Cahana.
HAIFA: Only Recital, at the Armon Theatre, Friday, Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Tickets: Ginsburg's office — Yuval (from Dec. 12)

Bagpipes and Ballet To Look Forward To

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bagpipers, a British aquacade, a Spanish ballet and a Russian mezzo-soprano are on the Israel entertainment bill for the winter-spring season, Mr. Kalman Ginsburg, of Ginsburg-Gillion Tel Aviv this evening) while Yesalem Post upon his return from a two-month contract-signing tour of Europe.

Under contract with Ginsburg-Gillion and already in the country are Ella Goldstein, the pianist appearing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Lydia Romanova, classical and folk song mezzo-soprano (Miss Romanova's first recital is in Impresarios, has told *The Jerusalem* hudi Menuhin is due to arrive tomorrow.

Mr. Menuhin is appearing in 12 subscription concerts with the I.P.O. and is also giving five recitals, the first in Tel Aviv on December 20. His fee for all performances is being donated to the Orchestra's Pension Fund.

In the beginning of January, the impresarios offer the 15-member Franco-Spanish Ballet Troupe, headed by Jose Torres and with Ivanova as prima ballerina. Larry Adler is due in mid-February for a two-week visit including possibly an appearance with the I.P.O.

Les Compagnons de Chanson, of cinema and cabaret fame, are coming to entertain Israel audiences for two weeks in March. The Hoofdstad Operetta Company of Amsterdam, comprising Viennese operetta stars now 10 years in Holland, will be here for three weeks in April. They will be followed in May by the Markson Water Show, which will appear in the main swimming pools in the country.

Last on the list of the Ginsburg-Gillon attractions are the Dagenham Girl Pipers, who will bring the sound of bagpipes and the highland fling to Israel in late summer.

Persitz Plays Fuller At Hastings Tourney

HASTINGS, Tuesday. — Young 21-year-old Persitz, of Israel will play U Fuller, of Great Britain, in the first round of the premier tournament at the Hastings International Chess Congress here on December 28, which will be opened by Mr. J Malik, the Soviet Ambassador.

THE DRAW: Victor Korchnoi (U.S.S.R.) 25-year-old Leningrad champion vs. J.M. Diez Del Corral (Spain) 27-year-old Madrid champion; Jonathan Penrose (G. Britain) 22, vs. Klaus Darga (West Germany) 21; Frederick Olafsson (Iceland) vs. Mark Taimanov (U.S.S.R.) 29; H. Golombek (Gt. Britain), 44, vs. Bozslavikyvkov (Yugoslavia) 22; U. Fuller (G. Brt.), 27, vs. R. Persitz (Israel) 21.

Spain is being represented at the Congress for the first time for many years. It is the youngest tournament team in the long history of the Hastings Congress. All competitors, except one are under 30 years of age. (Reuter).

PATNA.—The Hungarian players Ferenc Sido and Jozsef Koczian won the men's doubles title, and Sido won the singles title in the Patna State Table Tennis Championships here. They beat Singapore's Heng Chew and Poon Weng Hoe, 21-16, 21-9, 17-21, 21-14, while Sido beat Chew in singles.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

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6% Comp. Loan 56/67	[illegible]
3½% War Loan 54/59	87
5½% Gov. Bds (large)	[illegible]
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	94½
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Pal. Bearer Bds Ser. 3	79½
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5% pref. sh.	85
Pass 6% debs. 62/64 reg	79½
"Inva" 8% debs.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	122
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Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	92½
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"A" ord. shares	134
Pal. Elec.pref.sh.(Ldn)	285½
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Mekorot pref. sh.	79½
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7% conv. debs. 55/65	108½
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg.x	910
Pal.-Brewery 8%con.sh.	84½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	147
"Teva" ord. sh.	120½
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	107½
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LIVERPOOL. — The English Football League beat the League of Ireland (Eire) 5-1 in an inter-league match at Goodison Park here. They led 3-0 at half-time. The English League were represented by the full England international side, which defeated Spain 4-1 a week ago.

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A list of the restricted areas was made known to the settlements bordering these areas.

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Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Pokorny. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Sderot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 3-6.

1) Watercolours and drawings by Nonah Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Eliahu Sigard. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tours —

Hebrew University conducted tour, New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Theatre: —

Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," Edison, 9 p.m.

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Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. "Green Pastures" with Rex Ingram.

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"Maskit" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Woodcuts by Jacob Steinhardt. Recent Paintings by Arie Aroch. New acquisitions by the Museum, Tel Aviv Museum. 10-1, 4-7.

Paintings by Yehiel Krize — Painters & Sculptors Pavilion — 9 Rehov Alharizi — 10-1, 4-7.

International Exhibition of Theatre Posters, Mograbi, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: —

Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi Hall, 6.30, 9.15 p.m.

Chamber Theatre, "The Castle," New Chamber Theatre, 9 p.m.

Habimah, "Alei Kinor," Habimah (for Students), 11 a.m.

Habimah, "Medea," Habimah, 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre:—

Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

REHOVOT

★ Theatre: —

Ohel, "Eldorado," 8 p.m.

HADERA

★ Theatre:—

"The Singing Blacksmith" — Bension Vitler and Shifra Lerer, 8.45 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ Theatre: —

"Kopl Kive Vert A Tate" — Yiddish Theatre — 8.30 p.m.

AFULA

★ Theatre: —

Habimah, "Pandre the Hero," 8 p.m.

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Cloudy, with showers in the North spreading at times to the centre of the country. Partly cloudy in the South.

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Mt. Cana'an	95	9	13	10
Tiberias	75	14	15	17
Haifa Port	65	14	20	18
Natanya	73	12	20	19
Tel Aviv Kirya	60	10	20	19
Tel Aviv Port	70	12	19	19
Lydda Airport	65	10	20	20
Jerusalem	95	8	17	16
Eilat	55	10	24	22

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Tel Aviv for promising, against a fee of IL20, to arrange for 18-year-old girls to be exempted from military service. **FOR FAILING** to register for military service, Shimon Neemani, 22, of Tel Aviv, was yesterday sentenced to a month in prison by the Jerusalem Magistrate.

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THE 300 SHOHAM employees in Haifa have refused to accept their November pay because of a dispute with the company over income tax deductions from "special duty" bonuses. The staff committee has resigned over the issue.

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CANNED BEVERAGES valued at IL7,000, and including 2,000 tins of Nescafe and 144 boxes of cocoa, were stolen yesterday from the grocery store of Mr. Yehuda Kaiser, at 9 Rehov Merhavia, Tel Aviv. The thieves unhinged the back door.

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A BABY CROCODILE (about 30cm. long) arrived at Lydda Airport yesterday. A present from the Mayor of Johannesburg to the Tel Aviv Zoo, it was brought from South Africa by El Al, and in consideration of tender age, stopped over for a short rest en route in Zurich.

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A TRIPLE celebration was held yesterday at Kfar Yavetz, near Kfar Saba, when electric lights were turned on for the first time, a new road to the settlement was opened, and a cultural centre was dedicated. The Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, cut the tape across the new road.

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A RAT BIT a five-year-old boy in the cheek, and then attacked the boy's father who came to his aid, in Kfar Azrikam, near Ashkelon, on Monday. Both were treated at the Health Department clinic in Ashkelon and are reported to be in no danger.

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124 NORTH AFRICAN immigrants arrived in Haifa yesterday in the s.s. Lamartine. A small number joined Youth Aliya institutions, *kibbutzim* or relatives, and the rest went to development areas.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Frozen meat for invalids against Medical Association certificate dated Dec. 11 — 500 gms. Poultry — IL2.500 per kilogramme. **HAIFA, HADERA and the NORTH** — Coffee: 60 gms. Daled and Heh cards, coupon 52, temp. 12.

HAIFA and HADERA — Rice for invalids: Alef cards 250 gms., Bet cards 200 gms., coupons 55, temp. 11. **NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Tea: Daled and Heh cards, 50 gms., Gimel cards 200 gms., coupon 55, temp. 11. Oil: 200 gms. cooking oil and 200 gms. groundnut oil, coupon 60, temp. 8.

Additional Budgets Pass First Reading; IL700m. Next Year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed to the Finance Committee the three budgets presented last week by the Minister of Finance — the IL113m. supplementary budget, the IL23.5m. budget for the acquisition of Palestine Electric Corporation shares, and the IL25m. Defence (Arms) Fund budget.

The vote on the supplementary budget bill was 46-20, with Herut, the General Zionists and Agudat Yisrael voting to return it to the Government.

There was a brief rumpus when the Communists demanded that they be given a chance to vote against the bill without voting for its return to the Government, but the Speaker ruled against them.

The P.E.C. budget was passed by a vote of 56-22, with Herut, Agudat Yisrael, and the Communists opposing. The Defence Fund bill received a 72-6 vote, with only the Communists opposing.

Winding up the debate, Mr. Eshkol said he had not given a comprehensive review of the economy as a whole — he would do that in another two months when he would present a full budget for 1956/57, of IL700m.

He said that the supplementary budget covered expenditures which had been no secret to the Finance Committee or to the Knesset itself, although some speakers had tried to give that impression.

Gov't Chief Builder

To the claim that the Treasury itself was taking a large share of available bank credit, the Minister said that there was no cause for apology here. The Government was the chief factor in building and developing and it was certainly entitled to "part of the credit." In addition, IL20m. was owed the Government in taxes, so that part of the debt to the Bank of Israel was in effect credit given to the public.

It had been argued that funds had not been released in the same proportion for all items in the budget. But the budget was no Procrustean bed. "There is a planting season and a harvest season, and if the planting season requires more money all at once, you cannot say 'Wait, this month you are entitled to only such and such a portion of the budget.' This is not an automatic, robot-like affair; it is a living thing." (Dr. Bader, Herut: "Living, growing, and developing.")

The criticism had been expressed that the budget made no provision for defence. Mr. Eshkol reminded the Knesset of the Defence Fund, which he regarded as a "serious moral obligation" of the people to contribute IL25m. But in addition the Knesset Members knew that many additional millions of dollars had been spent on security, and on which the Finance Committee would receive full particulars in due course. (Israel's total defence budget is secret).

Some speakers had demanded economies and cuts. The time for such demands was not when the budget was presented, but much earlier—in meetings of the political parties, in the Cabinet, in the Finance Committee. But if the Finance Committee, even now, found that some items were unnecessary, the Government would agree to transfer the sums involved to the general reserve.

Mr. Eshkol said he could not promise not to present supplementary budgets in future. Israel was not unique in this respect: England, Canada, Norway had supplementary budgets. And if the Knesset forbade the Finance Minister to present a supplementary budget it would mean that he would have to ensure for himself greater sums at the beginning of the year and to raise taxes by 20 per cent.

To members of Coalition parties who had criticized the budget, Mr. Eshkol said they could not have their cake and eat it. Hapoel Hamizrahi's action (in threatening to vote against the budget) "was liable to create a suspicious impression of lack of sincerity... These things are subject to debate before they reach the Knesset. But to debate them now is a pernicious custom."

House Arrest Abolished

The Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet, told the Knesset yesterday that he had given orders that suspects not be held under house arrest in future. Every person against whom the police are conducting a criminal investigation regarding the commission of a crime will be brought before a magistrate who will decide whether he is to be remanded in custody or on bail.

Mr. Shitreet was replying to a question by Mr. Nahum Nir (Ahdut Ha'avoda) who asked whether there was any legal authority for keeping persons under house arrest or in luxurious hotels "as in the Braunstein case."

The Minister said there was no legal basis for such a practice against the person's will, just as there was no prohibition against it if the suspect agreed to house arrest. In the specific case mentioned, Braunstein's lawyer had requested house arrest. Nevertheless, because Mr. Shitreet felt that the custom was pernicious he had ordered its discontinuance.

Ruling of Security Areas Extended

The Knesset last night passed the first reading of a bill extending for another year the right of the Defence Minister to proclaim certain zones as security areas. Only the Communists opposed the measure.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, presenting the bill, said that security areas should not be confused with districts under military rule; they were two different things.

In security areas, the Minister of Defence may prohibit non-residents of the area from entering without a permit and may order permanent residents to leave. In the latter case, alternative housing must be provided. An evacuation order may be appealed.

Mr. Haim Landau (Herut), speaking in the debate, said that part of the Jewish population would bear closer observation than many Arabs — an obvious reference to the Communists.

The Knesset yesterday also:—

Passed the final reading of the Punishment Law, governing the jurisdiction of Israel courts over crimes committed abroad.

Passed the first reading of a bill extending the authority of the Defence Minister to issue administrative orders regarding the registration and mobilization of various types of vehicles, equipment and draught animals.

Passed the final reading of Loan Bill No. 2 authorizing the Treasury to borrow an additional IL5m. from banks. Herut and the Communists opposed, while the General Zionists abstained.

Gadna Parade Opens Haifa Mothers' Day

HAIFA, Tuesday. — With the lighting of a "Hanukkia of Heroism" and a torch parade of Gadna units, "Mothers' Day" was opened on Town Hall Square here this evening. Acting Mayor E. Shuh, Councillors and hundreds of persons watched the ceremony and joined in singing "Ma'oz Tsur" played by the Municipal Youth Orchestra.

Ir Hamifratz to Get Water Again

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Mekorot water supply company today agreed to resume supplying water to the Ir Hamifratz *ma'bara* on payment of a IL1,000 advance on a IL4,000 disputed debt. The *ma'bara* paid IL576 and the Na'aman District Council has promised the remainder of the advance.

The agreement followed a demonstration this morning outside the Jewish Agency offices here by almost 100 residents of the *ma'bara* which has been without water for a fortnight.

CLIMBING BUS TOPS IS NOT TRESPASSING

A soldier who tried to return to his base by boarding the roof of a bus was yesterday exonerated of charge of trespassing by Dr. M. Peretz, Chief Jerusalem Magistrate.

The soldier, Nehemia Benyamini, 18, said that he had climbed onto the roof of the bus after he failed for several hours to hitch a ride from passing vehicles. Dr. Peretz ruled that trespassing could take place only on real estate and that the soldier had not intended to "annoy" the driver. (Itim)

MALAYA. — Troops crept up on a terrorist camp in the Malayan jungle to kill 11 terrorists and wound one in an action described yesterday as the most successful in Malaya in four years.

IL5-IL8 Rise In Pay Packets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pay packets will rise by IL5.500 to IL8 this month since the cost-of-living index rose in the three-month period ending November by 6-7 points, according to Government sources.

Although the change in the index in November will not be published before tomorrow, it is understood that the fluctuations in that month were not considerable. The c-o-l rose in the previous two months by seven points to stand at 238.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, by rationing carrots and cucumbers in November, reduced the index to a slight extent.

Writers Discuss Joining Histadrut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A proposal that the Writers Association join the Histadrut Trades Union Department was referred to the new executive elected by the Hebrew Writers Convention today. The idea was put forward by Mrs. Andra Amir and supported by Mr. Yehoshua Bar-Yosef and Mr. Shlomo Tani, who believed that it would give writers the necessary framework for fostering their cultural aims.

Mr. David Shimoni and Mr. Yitzhak Shalev, however, said that an association of writers of all political and cultural shades could exist only entirely independent of other organizations. At the opening ceremony last night, Mr. Reuven Barkatt of the Histadrut Executive said that the Histadrut would welcome "any form of cooperation" with the writers.

The convention issued a call to the U.S.S.R. to allow Hebrew writers to migrate to Israel.

Pharmacists, Lab. Staff Criticize Histadrut

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Complaints against the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut for refusing to regard them as academic workers in the same way as architects and engineers were made at conferences here today of pharmacists working in public institutions and of laboratory workers. The microbiologists resolved that if no serious steps are taken to meet their demands within a fortnight, they will call a general meeting to discuss further action.

Blind School Head Used Force 'Rarely'

Mr. Zvi Federbush, principal of the Jerusalem School for the Blind, yesterday denied in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court that he had ever used force on any of his blind pupils except in rare cases when he was called in by blind teachers to preserve order.

He was giving evidence before Magistrate Y. Weiner in the hearing of an application which the school had submitted for the expulsion of eight blind students. The principal claimed that the eight are ringleaders in a strike which is aimed at ousting him by accusing him of maltreating the students.

He was questioned by Mr. S. Minzer, a law student at the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics, who was permitted by the Magistrate to appear on behalf of the students as a "friend." The hearing will be continued on Monday. (Itim)

Naturopath in Court For Unlawful Practice

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The trial opened in the District Court here today of Yosef Hasidov who is charged with practising medicine without a licence and falsely representing himself as a doctor.

Hasidov claims to be a naturopath and a member of international research councils in the U.S. and Britain. He has also published papers on nourishment problems which were being used as text books. He did not attempt to diagnose illnesses but prescribed nature treatments for any diagnosed sickness. As a nature healer, he objected to the use of injections and other "unnatural methods."

Hasidov was arrested after he had given a civil servant a certificate stating that he must remain in bed. The civil servant handed the certificate to his superiors who informed the police. A detective called on Hasidov feigning illness and was also given a sickness certificate.

The hearing will continue tomorrow.

Lipsky Fellowships For Two Americans

Louis Lipsky Exchange Fellowships at the Weizmann Institute for the year 1956 have been awarded to two American scientists — Dr. Jerome I. Kaplan of the Electro-Magnetics Branch of the U.S. Naval Research Laboratories in Washington, D.C. and Dr. Joshua Ladell formerly of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, N.Y.

This was announced yesterday by Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Institute, prior to his departure on a three-month visit to Europe and the U.S. on behalf of the Institute and Yad Weizmann.

FOUR FINED FOR CAUSING DROWNING

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Four members of Kibbutz Hukuk, who were responsible for the death by drowning a year ago of a mother and her daughter, were fined IL300 to IL500 each, by District Court Judge S. Kassan here today.

They had been in charge of a boat with sightseers on the Hula canal. It overturned and Mrs. Nessia Goldberg, 40, of Tiberias, and her daughter, Rahel, 4, were drowned.

The four men are the settlement's Secretary, S. Lasseritzky, who was fined IL500, Gad Laves and Shlomo Miller, IL300 each, and A. Fantabil, who besides the IL300 fine, was given a three-month suspended sentence.

IL250,000 From Police for Arms

Members of the Police Force, by contributing a quarter of a month's pay, donated more than IL250,000 to the Defence Fund office at the Ministry of Defence in the Tel Aviv Kirya yesterday.

The Bar Association has contributed IL40,000 so far, and IL25,000 was received yesterday from the employees of the Weizmann Institute.

Shulamit Gordon has signed over the IL556 she was awarded as reparations from Germany for Nazi atrocities. The Middle Class Federation has added another IL3,000 to its previous contribution. IL10,000 from the Haifa Merchants Association was another among a growing list of contributions published yesterday.

A member of Moshav Azriel presented the Minister of Posts with a cheque for IL700 for the Defence Fund.

Mr. Nissim Yerushalmi, a *Jerusalem Post* compositor, added IL50 to the Jerusalem Municipality list, besides his contribution through his works committee.

15,750 NOW WITHOUT WORK

The average daily number of unemployed jumped by 1,670 to stand at 15,750 in the week ending December 2, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday.

Although some of the increase was due to bad weather, most of it was due to steadily worsening employment possibilities. In this same period, the Ministry eased the situation by giving jobs to 7,000 men daily on work projects such as soil conservation, reclamation and afforestation.

The principal centres of unemployment were: Haifa, 1,518; Jerusalem, 1,276; Petah Tikva, 871; Tel Aviv, 785; Rishon leZion, 677; Rehovot, 661; Ramat Gan, 615; Kfar Saba, 504; Ramle, 489; Hadera, 470, and Lydda, 369.

Cities to Issue IL10m. Of Bonds

Municipal Development Bonds in the sum of IL10m. are to be issued shortly by the Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa municipalities, according to Government sources. It is understood that purchasers will pay only 25 per cent income tax on their coupons.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the Government has approved the issue in a systematic order of IL50m.-IL60m. of bonds by the Palestine Electric Corporation, Zim, Delek Igarot (a new Histadrut holding company), and the municipalities. It is understood that the Delek company will initiate the scheme with a first issue of IL1.25m.

Labour Ministry Fits Building to Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour has cut its building programme to conform to the limits of its budget, Mr. David Tanne, Director of the Housing Department of the Ministry, said yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem.

The cut was necessitated by higher wages and taxes which had risen by about 15-16 per cent.

In the IL124.5m. three-year building programme authorized in 1954, cuts would be effected in three main branches: housing for newcomers, housing in settlements, and public buildings, especially schools, railway stations and government offices.

Of the total of 11,300 units planned for new immigrants, only 9,000 would be built. However, the Jewish Agency, by increasing its building schemes, would absorb more than 1,000 of this cut.

Grocers Protest Lack of Rations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Grocers Association has asked the Ministry of Commerce to refrain from publicizing the "distribution of rations," especially of eggs, when in fact the Ministry does not issue them.

Mr. Y. Rosenbaum, the Association's Chairman, said here today that in October and November the Ministry had published large posters announcing four rations of eggs. In fact, only one was distributed, mostly of small, grade "B" eggs. As a result, many customers blamed their grocers for "keeping back the rations." The customers were especially suspicious because, while no rationed eggs were available, "free" eggs at higher prices could be had in unlimited quantities in every shop.

For December, the Ministry did not announce egg rations on the usual posters, but it stated that eggs would be distributed "according to special announcements." Although Kol Yisrael has announced a ration, the grocers have not received the eggs yet. The Association has asked the Ministry not to announce any ration more than two days before the foods are available, instead of the present two weeks or more.

Mr. Rosenbaum said he believed that only "free" eggs were available because farmers found it worthwhile to buy "free" fodder at prices hardly higher than the "official" fodder and thus not be obliged to supply eggs at the controlled price.

He also complained that the Ministry had ordered grocers to send in the coupons for the November edible oil ration "by December 20, or lose the December ration." It so happens that grocers in many parts of the country have not yet received the November ration and cannot have collected the coupons," he said.

The grocers' financial situation was deteriorating because people had no money and were spending less on food every month, Mr. Rosenbaum declared. Hawkers and kiosks were selling foodstuffs without licences. Grocers were also losing many customers who moved into *shikunim* where they have to buy from Tzarchan cooperative stores.

Record Milk Yield

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israel milk production has reached record levels this year with an average of 4,633 litres per cow, and 3.56 per cent fat content, the Ministry of Agriculture announced here today, adding that this puts the country on a level with the top dairy producing countries.

This result justifies the milk standard tests conducted on the 14,000 cows registered in the stud books and which comprise 37 per cent of Israel's dairy cattle.

'STABILITY NEEDS NORMAL TRADING'

No stable economy is possible without trade functioning normally, Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, said yesterday at a luncheon held in his honour by the Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa Chambers of Commerce at the President Hotel in Jerusalem.

In stressing the serious problems facing the economy, Mr. Sapir welcomed the Chambers' offer of cooperation in tackling them, and promised that his office will deal without delay with all troubles of manufacturers and merchants.

Deafness Not Inherited

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Deaf children born to normal parents and normal children born to deaf parents filled the club-room of the Association of the Deaf and Mute in Israel, at 5 Rehov Kalisher, here today for their annual Hanukka party.

Mr. Haim Apter, Secretary of the Association, said that the motto of this party is "to wipe out the prejudice that children born to deaf parents inherit this defect."

A striking exhibition of talking was given by the 10 deaf pupils of the seventh form of the school for deaf in the Kirya here.

SECOND ATTEMPT AT HALUTZA, GAN YAVNE

The Israel-American Oil Corporation has begun to drill at Halutza, in the south, 50 feet from the site which, for technical reasons, was abandoned recently at a depth of 1,670 feet, it was announced yesterday.

The company is to start drilling next week at the Gan Yavne site, about 800 metres from the spot where several months ago a former drilling erupted with flaming gas.

Toy Fund Givers, Receivers Meet at El Al Hanukka Party

The "givers" and the "receivers" met at Lydda Airport yesterday for one grand big party arranged by El Al, Israel National Airlines.

There were about 270 children at the party, about half of whom had worked liked beavers during the past three weeks to gather toys for *The Jerusalem Post*-Sa'ad Toy Fund. The others were from border villages or charges of the Ministry of Welfare who met their benefactors over a cup of cocoa and at a cinema performance. Also present were a few children of Lydda Airport personnel.

The Railways also joined in the party by providing free transport for 40 children from Jerusalem and Haifa.

Thirty pupils, aged from nine to 14, from Beit Hayeled, Hadarom, Beit Hinukh, the Rehavia Secondary School, Beit Hakerem, Ma'ale, and Sokolov schools came from Jerusalem.

About 25 pupils from the Kiryat Binyamin, Kiryat Motzkin, Amami "Aleph" and Amami schools travelled from Haifa. The Tel Aviv area representatives were from the Not Yam, Brandeis, Chaim Weizmann and Brenner schools in Herzliya, and from the Hitachdut Olei Britannia in Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv.

Three El Al buses gathered the children at the railway stations in Lydda and Tel Aviv and took them to the airport. There they were shown through a Constellation that was being serviced for the afternoon flight to Istanbul.

In orderly groups of three the children were then treated in the Airport's International restaurant to all the hot cocoa they could drink and filled doughnuts they could eat. The party was capped by an exciting film showing a big-game hunt in the jungles of Africa. El Al has a weekly flight across the continent of Africa to Nairobi and Johannesburg.

Pretty hostesses handed out bags of sweets and copies of the Ferd'nand books, published by *The Jerusalem Post*.

The party was supervised by Mr. E. Laserson, Public Relations Director for El Al.

It was the first time that the young donors to the Toy Fund had been feted, and the looks on their faces served to prove the old adage that it was much better to give than to receive — sometimes, anyway.

Contributions to the Fund reached IL10,312.880 yesterday with the receipt of IL438.250. Donations will be accepted until Friday.

The latest list of contributors includes:

IL 238.150 — Staff of American Embassy and USOM, Tel Aviv.
IL 50 — Gili & Danny Finzard, Haifa.
IL 31 — Ladies' Night at Ashkelon Rotary.
IL 25 — El Al Accounts Dept., Tel Aviv.
IL 20 — Ilana & Rose-Michal Kirschner, Tel Aviv.
IL 9.500 — Staff of the Haifa Port Engineering Office.
IL 8 — Mickey and Jacky, Tel Aviv.
IL 5 — Duplicating Office Wachenheimer, Haifa. Dr. & Mrs. E. Magnus, on occasion of 20th anniversary of Hamishmar Insurance Service; Anonymous; Hitahdut Olei Britannia, Tel Aviv branch (2nd contribution); Tel Aviv. M. Spitz, Kiryat Matalon. Kneller Family, Ramat Itzhak. Eli, Michal and Ilana; Edna Lewinsky; Tamar & Yair Cherlow; Samuel H. Sussman; Ruth Biese; Benny & Daniela Traugott; Dr. Levinsky; A.W.; N.N., Ramat Gan. Dr. Shimon Shereshewsky, Jerusalem. Freidrich Weiss, Haifa. Erella (1 year old) Nussbaum, Tel Aviv.

Mayer Ebner Eulogized By Zionist Leaders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The funeral took place at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery here today of Mayer Ebner whose death occurred yesterday at the age of 83.

The Speaker of the Knesset and Chairman of the Zionist General Council, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, eulogized his late colleague on the Council.

Outside his home in Sderot Rothschild hundreds of mourners had assembled including the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, and the head of Youth Aliya, Mr. Moshe Kol.

In front of the Great Synagogue, in Allenby Road, the coffin was received by Mr. Berl Locker, M.K., Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mayor Haim Levanon. Mr. Locker recalled that the deceased had been a militant Zionist in pre-Herzl days and was in the forefront of the fight for national revival since then.

The President has sent the following message to the family and to the Association of Immigrants from Rumania.

"I wish to express my participation in your sorrow on the death of Mayer Ebner, the devoted Zionist, and leader of Rumanian Jewry for half a century. His notable contribution to Zionist Congresses, on the platforms of which we have met several times, and to the world Zionist movement in general and to Rumanian Jewry in particular, will never be forgotten.

"His loyal communal service both in Israel and abroad can well serve as a living example to this and future generations."

DIVORCED. — Film star Rita Hayworth was granted a divorce in Reno yesterday from her fourth husband, Crooner Dick Haymes.

Sir Robert Robinson Dies Aged 69

The death occurred in London last week of Professor Sir Robert Robinson O.M., at the age of 69.

Sir Robert, who was a Nobel prizewinner in Chemistry in 1947, held Chairs in Organic Chemistry at Liverpool, St. Andrews, Manchester and University College, London, until appointed Professor of Chemistry at Oxford in 1930. He was President of the Royal Society from 1945 to 1950 and was awarded the Order of Merit in 1949. He was knighted in 1939, and was a Commander of the French Legion of Honour.

Two years ago, Sir Robert visited Israel with his wife, when he delivered the first Weizmann Memorial Lecture. They also visited this country in 1951, when they met Dr. Weizmann, under whom Lady Robinson had studied at Manchester. Last year, Sir Robert was nominated a member of the Governing Board of the Weizmann Institute.

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EFFECTS AND CAUSES

CALM has for the time being returned to the shores of the Kinneret and there are indications from Damascus that the Syrian authorities are succeeding in controlling the many thousands of students and others who demonstrated at yesterday's public funeral of some of the soldiers who lost their lives in Sunday's fighting. Syria has decided to lodge a protest with the Security Council and has complained to the powers associated in the Tripartite Pact that they have taken a "lenient view" of Israel action. It is a picture in reverse of the aftermath of every attack on Israel during the early years of the State, when this country was still hopeful that peace on the borders could be maintained through the invoking of the authority of the U.N., with the difference that this latest Israel action, like those against Egypt that preceded it, was carried out with the clear purpose of penalizing a neighbouring state for carrying out a long series of aggressions.

It is now known that the immediate cause of the demolition expedition was the mounting by Syria of larger calibre armaments in the emplacements overlooking the Israel lake in place of the machineguns used in former seasons to harass the fishermen. The Israel authorities appear to have decided that there was little sense in waiting until these had been used repeatedly over and over again, and heavy losses caused to civilians before the unavoidable move was made to silence them.

Most certainly an element in the comparatively early raid was the fact the Syrian and Egyptian fronts are now considered an indivisible unit by the Israel security authorities. Since the signing of the military pact between these two countries, and the establishment of joint airfields in Syrian territory, Egypt must be considered as operating out of Syria as well as through the Gaza Strip and Sinai. It appears that breaches of the peace or sabotage originating from Syria can in the future no longer be considered isolated incidents, as a minor clash on the Lebanese frontier might be, but part of the Egyptian war.

So much for the day. But what of the future? It has often been suggested that the great East-West conflagration that seemed to threaten so imminently a few years ago was postponed (and in the end prevented by the arrival of the fusion-bomb age) by the bloodletting of the minor wars, in Korea and Indo-China. By analogy, some see the Middle East war also being by-passed by a series of actions on a small scale. Israel will not enlarge this scale, or occupy enemy territory in the knowledge that the more prestige the Arab states lose the more difficult will it be to bring them to the conference table in the end, and the Arabs, in their turn, are not likely to attempt to turn these actions into a full-scale war, at least for some months or perhaps a year to come, until their vast new stores of armaments appear to promise them a sure and easy victory.

The powers, and especially Britain, which has hastened to denounce Israel's action, would do well to study most carefully the first causes of the fighting at both Nitzana and on the Kinneret: both were precipitated by actions by an Arab state which had repeatedly been censured by the Mixed Armistice Commissions, where U.N. recommendations had been disregarded, and where no improvement was in sight short of Israel action. They should also consider that peace proposals based on concessions to be made by Israel must necessarily create the impression in the Arab states that their attacks to date had general approval. The new hope held out of changing the borders may be discerned as the immediate cause of Israel's need to defend them more punctiliously than ever. It is possible that Syria's complaint to Britain over the recent action was more justified than its movers may have been aware.

'Denials Never Catch Up to the Front-Page Lie'

Egypt's 'Peace Drive' in U.S. Press

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

HARDLY a day went by last week without a story in one or both of the two New York morning papers—"The New York Times" and the "N.Y. Herald Tribune" — reporting a sudden and inexplicable change of heart about Israel among her Arab neighbours and a desire for peace to be negotiated, with the 1947 partition boundaries as a starting point.

This newspaper "peace offensive" has been gaining momentum ever since Sir Anthony Eden suggested mediation on the basis of the 1947 resolution. Detailed directives have evidently gone out from a London headquarters, and well-planned stories creating an impression of Arab peacefulness, without stating anything definitely, have been sent to the New York papers almost daily from Cairo, London and Washington.

No Direct Quotes

Careful readers have noted that the sources of these stories are always "diplomatic quarters" and that no Arab ruler is ever directly quoted. Indeed, no Arab statesman has ever given a yes or no answer to the British offer of mediation. One poor Egyptian at the United Nations, Ahmed Khairat Said, who is the Deputy Foreign Minister, made the mistake of believing his Government's propaganda in the New York papers, and almost agreed, with disastrous results for himself.

At a luncheon of the United Nations' Correspondents Association, your correspondent and others questioned Mr. Said about his Government's attitude towards negotiations with Israel for peace. Reluctantly, he agreed that Egypt would accept mediation, but he quickly retreated: Egypt would not sit down face to face with Israel. All talks would have to go through a third party.

Somehow, a report of Mr. Said's back-handed acceptance of mediation slipped through the Egyptian censorship and was printed in the Cairo press. There was an immediate outcry against him and a request for his recall. All talk of peace with Israel is for export only.

The latest dispatch in the press "peace offensive" was published in the "Herald-Tribune" here on December 4. It was cabled by the paper's Cairo correspondent, Don Cook. Under a headline "Egypt Seen Inclined to Israel Peace" with a subhead "May Compromise In Final Parley," Mr. Cook goes further than in any of the previous stories.

Quoting only unnamed "leading Egyptians" and "diplomatic quarters" of course, Mr. Cook suggests that the Egyptians would not stand fast on the 1947 boundaries, but in negotiation would accept an extension of the Egyptian boundary into the Negev "to a depth of twenty or thirty miles" and the creation of an international free port at Eilat, which would give Egypt a land bridge to Jordan.

The duplicity of Mr. Cook's informants, whose sole purpose is evidently to secure a headline stating that Egypt is inclined to peace and willing to compromise, false though it may be, is evident when one looks at a map of the 1947 partition boundaries. Extending the Egyptian boundary for twenty or thirty miles would not be a "compromise" with the 1947 frontier but would actually take away from Israel a large segment of the territory given her in the U.N.'s 1947 partition resolution. Included in this section of originally Israel territory is not only the port of Eilat and scores of Jewish settlements, but the recently discovered Heletz oil field. Is it possible that Mr. Cook didn't know this?

Eban's Answer

The British-Arab press campaign has caught the Israelis here flat-footed. What can you do, after all, when the front page headlines say day after day that "the other guy will talk peace and you won't." The Israelis could write letters to editors — and I have not seen any published — pointing out the falseness of the stories, but the denial never catches up to the front page lie. The Israel position was ably stated by Ambassador Abba Eban at the annual Weizmann Institute dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel last week. The papers quoted about half a dozen words towards the end of their reports on the dinner from the following paragraph:

We wish ardently for a peace founded on mutuality and reciprocity. But there is no sign or portent of any serious peaceful intent in the Arab world outside the realm of newspaper speculation. The facts of the situation are the facts of Arab hostility, blockade, boycott, non-recognition, international denunciation, massive rearmament — all against the background of inaction by those who would help us to strive for stability and peace. . .The duty of (Western) statesmanship is to work for peace; not to proclaim its approach when it is, unhappily, not in view.

The gala Weizmann dinner, incidentally, was like a wedding without the groom, as the guest of honour, M. Pierre Mendes-France, was kept in Paris by the fall of the French Government. Few of the $250-a-plate guests, however, felt cheated. Hy Getzoff, of the Weizmann Institute, had arranged an excellent concert with Gregor Piatigorsky, one of the world's greatest cellists, and the Symphony of the Air, and Ambassador Abba Eban, who was originally listed as the second speaker, brought the large audience to its feet with one of his most magnificent addresses. It was an old-fashioned *drasha* on ancient prophecy and modern science, which differed from its Rabbinical predecessors in that it was brief and was couched in Eban's impeccable Cambridge English. Except for the aside on peace quoted above, Eban dealt with profound and historic views, which he compressed into cogent sentences such as this:

Is it not profoundly moving to witness the rebirth of a people whose continuous historic memory comprehends the full cycle of human experience from Biblical prophecy to nuclear science; a people which in all its contemplation of man and matter has never swerved from its belief that there is order and progress in the universal design.

NATURE NOTES

Bird Paradise

YOU have read about the herons near the fishponds of Ma'ayan Zvi but I had no room to tell about the other ornithological marvels encountered there early one morning. I do believe I saw more birds in numbers — not in species — in a three-hour drive with the bird-loving Ya'acov of the carp ponds than in a whole afternoon spent hidden in the Hula rushes. If I add up all the species, the count is quite imposing, too—it comes to 21, not all of which I can tell about here, of course. What delighted the eye most was a large flight of Little Egrets *(Egretta garzetta — Anfat Hakesef)* approaching like a silver cloud and settling nearby to feed, and the continuous blue flash of kingfishers. Never before had I seen so many, and of all kinds.

Several of the Pied kingfishers *(Ceryle rudis — Shaldag Akud)* were hovering above the ponds, others diving like stones and then sitting together amicably on a palm. The little Mediterranean kingfishers *(Alcedo atthis — Shaldag Gamadi)* flashed off from every water tap and glided low to another vantage point.

And our own Smyrna kingfishers *(Halcyon smyrnensis — Shaldag Lavan-Hahaze)* large and beautiful, performed all their tricks some lying in wait like their little cousins, some hovering like the Pied one. They are by no means rare: one comes to my garden at dusk quite regularly, trilling his sweet evensong, usually invisible in a high tree, sometimes sitting on the radio mast, when one can watch his bill quivering.

P.A.

Saud Has Little Backing on Buraimi

By RUSSELL THOMAS

CAIRO, (OFNS). — THE last word on Buraimi, either political or military, has not yet been spoken. The United Nations may yet have to face an obscure debate about unwritten rights and tribal relationships in barely charted regions of the Trucial Coast desert, and by the time the debate starts there will probably be a picturesque tribal war blowing up in the desert. The Imam of Oman is already raising his tribes to recover territory seized by the Sultan of Muscat and the Ruler of Abou Dhabi, in the recent action which Saudi Arabia has condemned as "imperialistic aggression" by Britain.

The boundaries of ownership in the Buraimi oasis have never been fully accepted by Saudi Arabia, despite periodic attempts by Britain to get a settlement by compromise. The reason for this is fairly simple. Desert leaders never define frontiers if they can possibly avoid it because they always hope to be able to change them to their advantage some day.

Buraimi is shown on this map as Bureimi, on the boundary of the Trucial Sheikhdoms.

In his conquest of the Arabian peninsula earlier this century, the late King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, had to stop short at the ill-defined boundaries of the Trucial sheikhdoms protected by Britain, which was, in any case, his friend at the time. His son, the present King Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz, decided to continue his father's work more subtly, by suborning the lesser sheikhs. He believed that the moment of his advantage had come because he had the money to do so, and because he felt confident that the influence of the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco) would be sufficiently strong in Washington to undermine the protective action that Britain might take.

King Saud, however, is not the statesman that his father was. His policy towards Aramco has been so troublesome and difficult in recent years that the urge to back him against all comers is not sufficiently strong. When Britain failed to notify the State Department that British-officered levies had helped the Sultan of Muscat to eject Saudi-Arabian officials from Buraimi, it was pretty clear that she no longer expected trouble from the United States.

Whatever may be the attitude of Aramco to the potential oil concessions at Buraimi, it is highly probable that the State Department is not at all enthusiastic at the thought of Saudi Arabia having more money. At present, King Saud is possibly the greatest single subversive force in the Middle East. His money is spent up and down the Arab Middle East in opposition to every object of Western policy and frequently in direct line with Soviet policy.

Against Iraq, Jordan

The reason for this is his opposition to the Hashemite Kings of Iraq and Jordan, whose family was driven from the throne of Mecca by Ibn Saud. Iraq and Jordan are "imperialistic tools" and no money is spared in attacking the "imperialists" and the countries which show signs of cooperating with them. Because the President of the Lebanon is suspected of a desire to cooperate with Iraq, money is spent to cause disturbances in the country which, it is hoped, might bring him down.

In the Arab world itself, the Buraimi issue is not one which excites opinion against Britain. The Arab League has naturally gone on record in favour of Saudi Arabia, but its whole attitude has been one of reserve. Saudi Arabian money can keep Saudi claims in the front of the newspapers but the people are in general so contemptuous of the Saudi waste of money that they see no reason why Saudi Arabia should be given more money at the expense of others who are, after all, equally good Arabs, with traditional rights in that part of the desert.

Nevertheless, the whole affair might become a gamble in Saudi Arabia's favour at the United Nations. The alignment of the considerable bloc of Asian-African States might go largely in favour of Saudi Arabia because she is a member of the bloc, and there are always Latin-American States which will vote with the Arabs.

Readers' Letters

ISRAEL BONDS ABROAD

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It should be of interest to your readers to learn of the reaction of two small Jewish communities in Europe to State of Israel Development Issue Bonds.

In Ireland, a quota of £50,000 ($140,000) was oversubscribed in about two months. A second quota in the same amount has been granted and is now in the process of distribution.

The tiny Jewish community of Luxembourg took up almost $50,000 in Israel Bonds in November in the first two weeks of our offer, and sales are continuing.

Sales in both countries were directed by Mr. David H. Orgler, representing State of Israel Bonds.

Yours, etc.
MARTIN PANZER
Director for Europe, State of Israel Bonds
Paris, December 2.

SWEEPSTAKES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to suggest an "Israel Hospital Sweepstakes" on the line of the "Irish Hospital Sweepstakes." The advantages are twofold: the first consideration, and it is the important factor, is that Israel bears a disproportionate burden for hospitalization of sick and incurables gathered from all parts of the world. The second element is the human factor that Israelis and Jews throughout the world are not indifferent to gambling, and a properly run race track would provide a worthwhile recreational outlet for the new Israel race track fans — all to the advantage and paramount need of Israel hospitals.

I have been informed by the Secretary of the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, that "the sweepstakes are conducted under legislation enacted by the Irish Government. All hospitals in the Republic of Ireland now benefit from them, with the exception of a few who have elected to depend on voluntary subscriptions. In the course of 22 years, including the war years (which meant a virtual suspension of the sweepstakes activities), £21,113,352.10s have been raised for the hospitals, exclusive of Government tax."

Yours, etc.
JOHN SIMONS
New York, November.

ISOTOPE TREATMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to Dr. Peyser's letter in your issue of November 23, may I point out that it was not claimed that the Isotope Department of the Beilinson Hospital is the first in Israel. On the contrary, during the press conference, it was stressed that we are now finally able to perform ourselves the examinations which until now had to be sent to the Hadassah and Tel-Hashomer Hospitals.

Yours, etc.
DR. E. LEWITUS
Beilinson Hospital
Potah-Tikva, November 24.

PEN FRIENDS

BARBARA JAKUBOWITZ, 15, of 17 Fleetwood Road, Dollis Hill, London, N.W. 10, would like to correspond with a boy between the ages of 18 and 25.

Survey Department Maps Israel

By SHALOM COHEN

PUTTING Israel on the map is not just a figure of speech for the Survey Department of the Ministry of Labour in Tel Aviv. Map-making in a modern state is a complex affair — and all the more so in a country like Israel where new settlements render maps obsolete shortly after their appearance. Add to this a mass of data from new geological and hydrological surveys, and the department has its work cut out for it.

"Modern" map-making began here before World War I, but the first really accurate surveys were made by the British Mandatory authorities. Nevertheless, when the Ministry of Labour set up its new department, which now has a staff of nearly 300, it found many defects in the British maps, which were admirably executed on the whole. The British had largely concentrated on charting property boundaries, then highly contested by Jews and Arabs. In addition, large regions were blank on the maps. The Trans-Jordan frontier was a "gentleman's agreement," as was discovered in 1950 at the time of the incident concerning "Kilometre 78," after which the area had to be remapped.

The department's first task was to adapt and augment the British maps, the most detailed of which was on a scale of 1: 20,000. It completed the triangulation of all areas of the country, which provided the basis for accurate mapping. The department also has more detailed maps of 1: 10,000 for congested areas, and others, far less detailed, which include world atlases of 1: 12,000,000.

Projecting topography onto paper is no longer a matter of sending out hundreds of surveyors armed with theodolytes and plane tables. Now it is done by aerial photography. In the department's extensive premises, up-to-date precision machinery, kept in air-conditioned rooms, automatically translates the negative films into clear and exact maps. Photographing the whole country entails 3,000 shots, each overlapping the other by 60 per cent.

In recent years, the Survey Department has printed specialized maps devoted to archaeology, soil-conservation, climate, population, and most important of all, maps concerned with security and development. It is now producing town-planning maps, while a big part of its work programme helps in land settlement work by charting the ownership of land for registration purposes. The topographical side of oil-prospecting is also within its province.

One of the most interesting of the department's undertakings is an ambitious project which will take some years to complete. This is an "Atlas of Israel," to be published in conjunction with "Mosad Bialik," which will contain 80 to 90 maps dealing with history, settlement, agriculture, geology, climate, industry, hydrology, administration, flora and fauna, transport and services, etc. The atlas will begin with an early sixth century map reproduced from a mosaic in Jordan, and will end at — perhaps not today, but tomorrow. Some of the maps are to be printed in as many as 16 colours, and it promises to be a handsome piece of work. A large panel of experts is engaged on the project, and the first part, containing eight maps, commentaries and index, will be published by the end of this year.

The Survey Department also supplies atlases (hitherto imported) to the Army and to schools, and accepts orders from various institutions for both original maps, and reprints of existing ones. There is a shortage of qualified personnel — the department had only one Jewish surveyor in 1948 — despite the fact that its training school has turned out 200 surveyors, many of whom go to work for private employers. With the landscape of Israel continually changing, map-makers are assured of a busy time.

Yesterday's Press

KINNERET BATTLE

THE Israel Army's operation against the Syrian positions from which Jewish fishermen on the Sea of Galilee were attacked, is acclaimed by the morning press. Only two papers take exception: "Ha'aretz" (non-party), on grounds of expediency, and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist), "on principle."

The "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) view is that the other Arab countries, notably Egypt, together with the countries encouraging the Syrians' belligerence by sending arms, are directly responsible for the need to carry out the operation. The paper stresses the responsibility and regard for civilians with which our forces carried out the attack and their outstanding efficiency. So long as our Army does not lag behind the Arabs in armaments it will be able to preserve the peace of the country and the region.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that the Arabs are not impressed by the number of their casualties, since human life is cheap to them. The paper draws attention to our weakness in the sphere of psychological warfare and urges that more attention be given to conveying to the Arab masses the real meaning of war.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) says that yesterday's operation not only shows once again that our Army is able and efficient but also reminds us of what the price would be if war were to break out. A great deal of blood will flow unless some power takes the initiative in forestalling the war that our enemies are planning.

"Herut" argues that after taking over the enemy positions the Army should have remained in them in order to prevent any future attempt to reoccupy them and use them for further attacks. The worst that could happen would be U.N. intervention, in which case the zone could have been demilitarized as the price of our withdrawal.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) lashes out against both the Communists and Herut for their extreme stand on Israel's security, saying that the former would sell us out and give us up to destructive forces while the latter rejoice over every step that brings us closer to war. But we shall persist in defensive action and teach our enemies that we are on the alert.

"Hamedia" (World Aguda) connects the persistent Syrian attacks with the water problem and says that if Syria learns her lesson from the latest operation she will cease her provocation and avert bloodshed.

"Ha'aretz" doubts the necessity of the operation, the reason for which were the Syrians' harassing tactics on Lake Kinneret, which were not even given prominence in the local press. And this at a time when we are bidding for arms and when our friends in the British Parliament are trying to sway sympathies in our favour. We have again demonstrated our military superiority over the enemy and those in Washington considering our application for arms will conclude that we are strong enough without them.

"Kol Ha'am" sees the ubiquitous "imperialist hand" behind the Israel attack and avers that it is an act of Western vengeance against Syria for its pact with Egypt, since both countries are veering towards the Soviets.

MUSICAL DIARY

Piano Recital by Ivan Melman. (Habimah Hall, December 5). Bach: Prelude in A-Minor; Beethoven: Sonata in A-flat, Op. 110; Liszt: Sonata in B; Beinenstein: Prelude and Fugue in B, Prelude and Fugue in E-flat; Brahms: Capriccio in D-Minor, Op. 116; Intermezzo in E-flat minor, Op. 118; Ravel: Jeux d'Eaux; Debussy: La Terrasse des Audiences au clair de lune; Feux d'Artifice.

THANKS to charity recitals arranged by WIZO we have had the opportunity of acquainting ourselves with a young and gifted pianist-composer. Every piece played by Ivan Melman had a meditative touch. He does not reproduce the composer but "produces" him, and introduces a quite permissible modern intonation (as in the Beethoven Sonata). Ivan Melman belongs to that category of musicians to whom the technical side of their work is only a pretext for bringing to light the very substance of the composition. His gift as a composer influences his interpretation and that is why his Ravel and Debussy sounded so interesting.

Y. O.

Israel String Quartet. Lorand Fenyves and Alice Fenyves, (violins); Gideon Roehr, viola; Thelma Yellin, cello; Yona Ettlinger, clarinet. (Tel Aviv Museum, December 10). Haydn: Quartet in F-major; Bartok: String Quartet No.2; Mozart: Quintet for Clarinet and Strings, K. 581.

THE Haydn did not come off so well as it was obviously conceived. But the Bartok Quartet, played with great understanding and deep penetration completely enthralled both audience and executants to whom we are grateful for a rich experience. It is a work of great beauty, great sincerity and, I fear, great length. Mr. Ettlinger joined in for the Mozart quintet, which was given a good performance.

W.

Pre-Classical Records

A NEW ingredient now seasons the musical life of Tel Aviv — the Museum's fortnightly record concerts of rare music, with talks by Mr. Joseph Tal and Dr. Shmueli, who alternate as commentators.

Mr. Kaniuk, the initiator of the Museum's popular Saturday night Chamber Music Concerts, communicated his enthusiasm for pre-classical music to Mr. and Mrs. Horowitz, visitors from New Jersey, who were looking for some way of enriching Israel's artistic assets. They sent the Museum a first-rate high-fidelity record player and a collection of 200 L.P. records selected by Mr. Kaniuk.

The first evening, November 17, was devoted to Josquin des Pres and Orlando di Lasso. The second, November 30, concentrated on the music of Monteverdi. The next will be taken up by Carissimi and Charpentier, and the one after that by Vivaldi. The introductory talks are designed to help the "uninitiated" to true enjoyment through understanding.

LILIT

Ella Goldstein Piano Recital (Y.M.C.A. Hall, December 10). Bach-Busoni: Chaconne; Scarlatti: Sonatas 6 and 7; Schumann: "Carnival"; Chopin: Nocturne No. 8, Mazurka No.11, Ballad No. 4; Stravinsky: Three Episodes from "Petroushka."

THERE is nothing more disappointing for an artist than performing before an empty house. Unfortunately, Saturday night in Jerusalem has become the traditional time for going to the movies, and since another concert was given at the Rehavia School on the same night, it is not surprising that Ella Goldstein's hall was anything but crowded. We may justly attribute any unevenness of playing to this.

Building up to an imposing climax through the fragmentary structure of an extended musical subject (which is characteristic of the Chaconne) certainly requires a good deal of musical experience and restraint, and in the Bach-Busoni piece, Miss Goldstein fulfilled these demands brilliantly. The Chopin series sparkled in variegated, breath-taking colours.

On the other hand, the acid timbres heard in the Scarlatti were not suited to a composer who, after all, wrote for the harpsichord, and the abrupt *attacca* connecting the miniature movements of the "Carnival," without the slightest transition in mood, showed the pianist's weaker side.

The "Petroushka" transcriptions came between the two extremes. Though not polished technically, they created a rewarding state of tension.

Third of the Series of Monthly concerts sponsored by the Musicians' Association of Jerusalem, featuring the Pollschuk Quartet. (Y.M.C.A. Hall, December 12). Schubert: Quartet in G minor, Op. posth.; Beethoven: Quartet in F minor, Op. 95; Dvorak: Quartet in G major, Op. 106.

IT was nice hearing the Pollschuk players again. The intriguing style that enchanted listeners here last season, was just as much in evidence now as then. There is a constancy in the *parlando* quality of this ensemble, which does not seem to be absent even in the most robust *allegro*, be it assai vivace or con fuoco.

The highlights of the programme were the Schubert quartet, a sketchy work seldom played, which we would call "four casual developments," to borrow a term from Henry Cowell, and the Beethoven piece, a display of rather problematic but extremely interesting compositional procedures. The Dvorak that came after the interval, is "much ado about nothing." Thin in content, but of considerable length. Nevertheless, it was interpreted by the performers with no less competence than the preceding items.

Y. ZARAI

Jerusalem Chamber Music Society. Moshe Lustig, piano; Moshe Hurwitz, violin; Uzi Wiesel, cello (Rehavia School, December 10). Mozart: Trio in C major, K. 548; Beethoven: Trio in D major, op. 70 no. 1; Brahms: Trio in C major, op. 87.

AFTER a rather poor rendering of the Mozart trio, which sounded like three uncoordinated monologues (with the authority of the violin especially shaky) the players thoroughly redeemed themselves by an inspired reading of Beethoven's Ghost Trio. Its wonderful Largo swelling and surging powerfully. Mr. Lustig's playing blended well with the strings, and special praise is due to Mr. Wiesel for his lovely tone and first-rate musicianship.

MAESTRO

ABOUT 250 religious songs collected among the Jews of Jerba in Tunisia have been recorded so far by the Institute for Liturgical Music that was set up a year ago by the Ministries of Education and Culture and Religious Affairs. Some of the songs were found to have a good deal in common with Ashkenazic melodies, lending strength to the theory that there was a common foundation to both in the Jewish liturgy of old.

It is to get at this common foundation that the Institute has decided to undertake a study of the liturgical music of the world's Jewish communities. The first stage will consist in the collecting of the melodies; the second will be the elimination of those which have their roots in the music of the surrounding peoples. Once the common element is isolated, the Institute hopes to bring it back to life. It encourages the composition of liturgical music in the ancient style hoping that the various religious communities will adopt it and make it the accepted musical pattern in all Israel synagogues. Songs built on these ancient melodic patterns are performed before teachers and rabbis from abroad so that they can spread it in their countries as well.

Another stepping stone to musical homogeneity among the liturgies of Israel's various religious communities will be the cantorial school which the Institute is contemplating, and at which the common elements of the various communities' liturgies will be emphasised. The Institute is also planning a library of cantorial books and scores.

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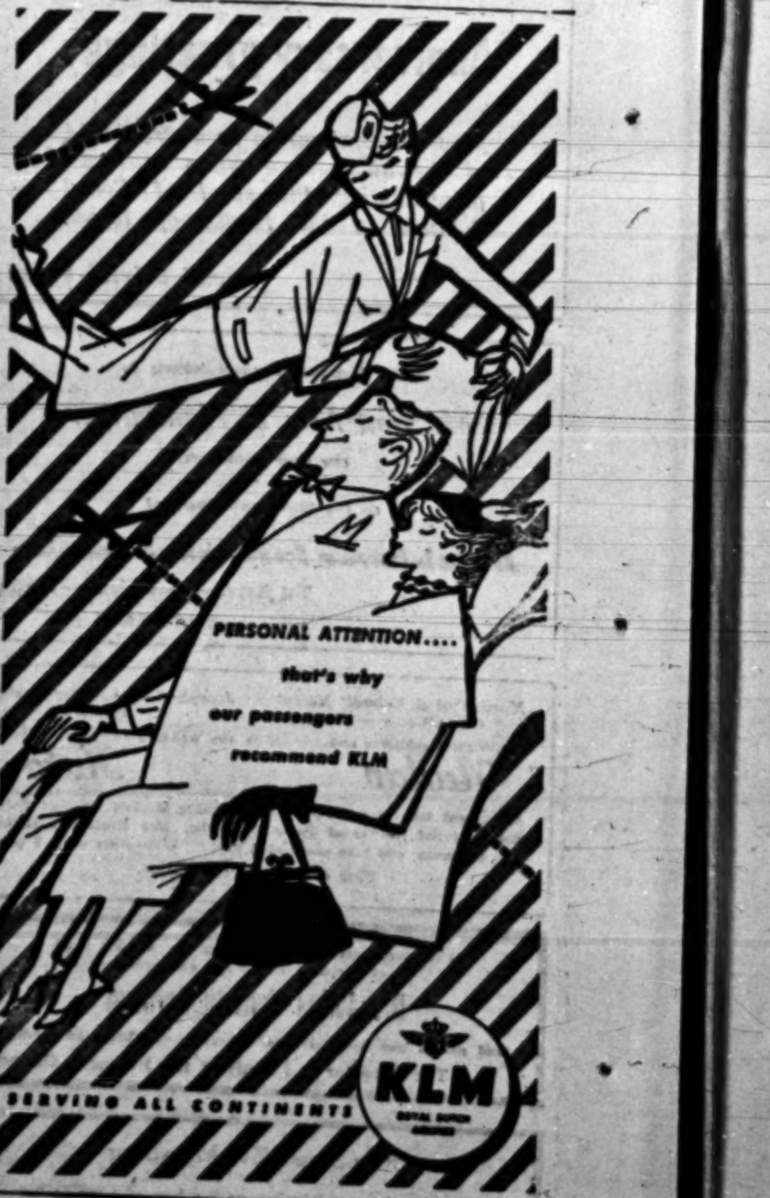

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